

2. A method for enhancing communication within a  
2 community according to claim 1 wherein said establishing a  
hierarchical structure further comprises:  
4 creating a top-level hierarchy having at least one top-  
level subject;  
6 creating at least one mid-level hierarchy, each of said  
at least one mid-level hierarchy having at least one mid-level  
8 subject related to at least one of said at least one top-level  
subject; and  
10 creating a low-level hierarchy having at least one low-  
level subject related to at least one of said at least one  
12 mid-level subject,  
wherein each of said stored communications becomes an  
14 item indexed to at least one of said at least one low-level  
subject.

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3. A method for enhancing communication within a  
2 community according to claim 2 wherein said distributing  
control through inherited parameters of said hierarchical  
4 structure further comprises:  
assigning at least one top-level leader for each of said  
6 at least one top-level subject;  
assigning at least one mid-level leader for each of said  
8 at least one mid-level subject; and  
assigning at least one low-level leader for each of said  
10 at least one low-level subject.

4. A method for enhancing communication within a  
2 community according to claim 3 wherein said distributing  
control through inherited parameters of said hierarchical  
4 structure further comprises:  
assigning at least one of said inherited parameters to  
6 each of said at least one top-level subject, wherein said at  
least one of said inherited parameters controls input or

8 access to a database function by said at least one top-level  
leader associated with said at least one top-level subject;  
10 assigning at least one of said inherited parameters to  
each of said at least one mid-level subject, wherein said at  
12 least one of said inherited parameters controls input or  
access to a database function by said at least one mid-level  
14 leader associated with said at least one mid-level subject;  
and  
16 assigning at least one of said inherited parameters to  
each of said at least one low-level subject, wherein said at  
18 least one of said inherited parameters controls input or  
access to a database function by said at least one low-level  
20 leader associated with said at least one low-level subject.

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5. A method for enhancing communication within a  
2 community according to claim 4:

wherein said at least one of said inherited parameters  
4 assigned to each of said at least one low-level subject is  
inherited from said at least one mid-level subject related to  
6 said at least one low-level subject, and

further wherein said at least one of said inherited  
8 parameters assigned to each of said at least one mid-level  
subject is inherited from said at least one top-level subject  
10 related to said at least one mid-level subject, and

further wherein said at least one of said inherited  
12 parameters assigned to each of said at least one top-level  
subject is inherited from a web master.

6. A method for enhancing communication within a  
2 community according to claim 5:

wherein said at least one parameter inherited by each of  
4 said at least one low-level subject is the same as, or  
narrower in scope, than said at least one parameter assigned

6 to each of said at least one mid-level subject related to said  
at least one low-level subject, and  
8 further wherein said at least one parameter inherited by  
each of said at least one mid-level subject is the same as, or  
10 narrower in scope, than said at least one parameter assigned  
to each of said at least one top-level subject related to said  
12 at least one mid-level subject.

7. A method for enhancing communication within a  
2 community according to claim 6:

wherein said at least one of said inherited parameters  
4 assigned to each of said at least one top-level subject is  
inherited from a web master, and

6 further wherein said at least one parameter inherited by  
each of said at least one top-level subject is the same as, or  
8 narrower in scope, than said at least one parameter assigned  
to each of said at least one top-level subject by said web  
10 master.

8. A method for enhancing communication within a  
2 community according to claim 7:

wherein each of said inherited parameters comprises a one  
4 of a privacy parameter, screening parameter, input parameter,  
user ID parameter, and an approval parameter.

9. A method for enhancing communication within a  
2 community according to claim 8:

wherein each of said inherited parameters has at least  
4 one access level, wherein a higher one of each of said at  
least one access level provides more management control than a  
6 lower one of each of said at least one access level.

10. A method for enhancing communication within a  
2 community according to claim 7 wherein said distributing

control through inherited parameters of said hierarchical  
4 structure further comprises:

allowing said at least one top-level leader associated  
6 with said at least one top-level subject, said at least one  
mid-level leader associated with said at least one mid-level  
8 subject, and said at least one low-level leader associated  
with said at least one mid-level subject, to change  
10 respectively said at least one access level of said inherited  
parameters at any time.

11. A method for enhancing communication within a  
2 community according to claim 1 wherein said distributing  
control through inherited parameters of said hierarchical  
4 structure further comprises:

assigning an access status to each of said plurality of  
6 users,

wherein said access status comprises a one of an  
8 inclusive access and an exclusive access, and

further wherein said inclusive access allows access to  
10 each of said stored communications in said hierarchical  
structure except where excluded by said inherited parameters,  
12 and

further wherein said exclusive access allows access to  
14 each of said stored communications in said hierarchical  
structure only where explicitly assigned.

12. A method for enhancing communication within a  
2 community according to claim 1 wherein said establishing a  
hierarchical structure for organizing communications further  
4 comprises:

utilizing a database for establishing said hierarchical  
6 structure,

wherein said at least a portion of said communications  
8 are stored in said hierarchical structure in said database.

13. A method for enhancing communication within a  
2 community according to claim 12 further comprising:

recording and storing a communication from a user in said  
4 database when said user is not accessing said database at the  
time said communication is initiated.

14 A method for enhancing communication within a  
2 community according to claim 1 wherein said enabling dynamic  
interaction further comprises:

4 stratifying said selected portion of said communications  
into at least one item type.

15. A method for enhancing communication within a  
2 community according to claim 14 wherein said at least one item  
type is a one of an idea, question, event, review, survey,  
4 newsletter, and action item.

16. A method for enhancing communication within a  
2 community according to claim 1 wherein said presenting a  
selected portion of said communications further comprises:

4 filtering said at least a portion of said communications  
yielding a filtered portion of communications;

6 consolidating said filtered portion of communications  
yielding a consolidated portion of communications;

8 sorting said consolidated portion of communications  
yielding a sorted portion of communications; and

10 presenting said sorted portion of communications  
according to a predetermined level of content review.

17. A method for enhancing communication within a  
2 community according to claim 1 wherein said storing in said  
hierarchical structure further comprises:

4 attaching a resource to at least one of said at least a  
portion of said communications,

6 wherein said resource is a one of an internal database  
link, a document/file attachment, and an external Internet  
8 link.

18. A method for enhancing communication within a  
2 community according to claim 1 wherein said enabling dynamic  
interaction further comprises:

4 alerting said at least one of said plurality of users to  
an activity within the community,

6 wherein said activity is a one of a topic within said  
hierarchical structure, an item type within said hierarchical  
8 structure, a response from an individual user within the  
community, a response from any one of a member of a group of  
10 users within the community, a new posting from an individual  
user within the community, and a new posting from any one of a  
12 member of a group of users within the community.

19. A method for enhancing communication within a  
2 community according to claim 1 wherein said enabling dynamic  
interaction further comprises:

4 alerting said at least one of said plurality of users to  
a message within the community,

6 wherein said message is sent to at least a one of a home  
page of said at least one of said plurality of users, to an e-  
8 mail account of said at least one of said plurality of users,  
to a voice mail box of said at least one of said plurality of  
10 users, and to some other type of communications device of said  
at least one of said plurality of users.

20. A method for enhancing communication within a  
2 community according to claim 1 wherein said enabling dynamic  
interaction further comprises:

4 alerting a select group of others within the community to  
an activity or a message of said at least one of said  
6 plurality of users,

wherein said activity is a one of a topic within said  
8 hierarchical structure, an item type within said hierarchical  
structure, a response from said at least one of said plurality  
10 of users, a new posting from said at least one of said  
plurality of users, and

12 further wherein said message is sent to at least a one of  
a home page of said select group of others within the  
14 community, to an e-mail account of said select group of others  
within the community, to a voice mail box of said select group  
16 of others within the community, and to some other type of  
communications device of said select group of others within  
18 the community.

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21. A computer system for enhancing communication within  
2 a community, the computer system comprising:

an application platform running an application that  
4 organizes a plurality of communications, said application  
further comprising:

6 a database for storing said plurality of  
communications;

8 an inherited parameters responsibility module for  
establishing a hierarchical structure for said plurality  
10 of communications and for distributing control of said  
hierarchical structure to a plurality of users within the  
12 community;

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14 an input module for capturing said plurality of  
communications within said hierarchical structure sent by  
said plurality of users from a plurality of communication  
16 devices;

a thread synchronization module for synchronizing  
18 said plurality of communications within said hierarchical  
structure;

20 a reviewing module for presenting said synchronized  
plurality of communications in said hierarchical  
22 structure to said plurality of users for dynamic  
interaction; and

24 an output module for outputting a plurality of  
responses to said plurality of communications from said  
26 plurality of users to said plurality of communication  
devices.

22. A computer system for enhancing communication within  
2 a community according to claim 21 wherein said application  
platform is a one of a centralized application platform  
4 architecture and a distributed application platform  
architecture,



6 wherein said distributed application platform  
architecture has a plurality of databases for storing  
8 distributively said plurality of communications.

23. A computer system for enhancing communication within  
2 a community according to claim 22 further comprising:

for said distributed application platform architecture,  
4 an inherited parameters synchronization module for determining  
a one of a plurality of application platforms of said  
6 distributed application platform that contains a portion of  
said plurality of communications sought by a one of said  
8 plurality of users, and for routing said one of said plurality  
of users to said one of a plurality of application platforms;  
10 and

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a content synchronization module for exchanging and  
12 synchronizing content between said plurality of databases.

24. A computer system for enhancing communication within  
2 a community according to claim 21 wherein said application  
further comprises:

4 a content access interface for determining a current  
hierarchical structure of said database accessible by said  
6 plurality of users;

an authorization module for authorizing each of said  
8 plurality of users to access a portion of said plurality of  
communications stored in said database to which each of said  
10 plurality of users have access rights and in conjunction with  
said inherited parameters responsibility module;

12 an interaction control module for determining a dynamic  
interaction capability for said plurality of users with said  
14 plurality of communications stored in said database to which  
said plurality of users have access rights in conjunction with  
16 said inherited parameters responsibility module; and

a content prioritizing interface for sorting and  
18 prioritizing the order said plurality of communications are  
presented to each of said plurality of users for review.

25. A computer system for enhancing communication within  
2 a community according to claim 21 further comprising:

a recording module accessible by said plurality of  
4 communication devices,

wherein said recording module, after a user input is  
6 received in a one of said plurality of communication devices  
on a record option, queries said database causing said  
8 database to deliver to said one of said plurality of  
communication devices said hierarchical structure of said  
10 plurality of communications, and

further wherein said recording module receives a user  
12 selection input of a topic within said hierarchical structure  
with which to associate a communication from said one of said  
14 plurality of communication devices, and

further wherein said recording module records and stores  
16 in said database said communication sent from said one of said  
plurality of communication devices.

26. A computer system for enhancing communication within  
2 a community according to claim 25 wherein said recording  
module resides on said one of said plurality of communication  
4 devices.

27. A computer system for enhancing communication within  
2 a community according to claim 25 wherein said recording  
module resides on said application and is accessed over a  
4 communication channel by a user input on said record option  
selected from a tool bar displayed on said one of said  
6 plurality of communication devices.

28. A computer system for enhancing communication within  
a community according to claim 21 wherein said inherited  
parameters responsibility module further comprises:

a hierarchy initiation module for creating a plurality of  
headings in a top-level hierarchy and for assigning at least  
one heading leader for each of said plurality of headings, and

for creating a plurality of categories in a mid-level  
hierarchy and for assigning at least one category leader for  
each of said plurality of categories, and

for creating a plurality of topics in a low-level  
hierarchy and for assigning at least one topic leader for each  
of said plurality of topics,

wherein each of said stored plurality of communications  
becomes an item indexed to at least one of said plurality of  
topics.

29. A computer system for enhancing communication within  
a community according to claim 21 wherein said input module  
further comprises:

a resource attachment module for attaching a resource to  
at least a one of said plurality of communications,

wherein said resource is a one of an internal database  
link, a document/file attachment, and an external Internet  
link.

30. A computer system for enhancing communication within  
a community according to claim 21 wherein said thread  
synchronization module further comprises:

an initial priority-based content placement module for  
determining a priority assignment for an initial communication  
so that when reviewed by a one of said plurality of users  
accessing said application, said initial communication is  
reviewed in proper relationship to a portion of said plurality  
of communications related to said initial communication; and

10 a response priority-based content placement module for  
determining a priority assignment for a response communication  
12 so that when reviewed by a one of said plurality of users  
accessing said application, said response communication is  
14 reviewed in proper relationship to a portion of said plurality  
of communications related to said response communication.

31. A computer system for enhancing communication within  
2 a community according to claim 21 wherein said reviewing  
module further comprises:

4 a filter module for setting at least one filter  
parameter,

6 wherein said at least one filter parameter is at  
least a one of a filter out parameter that filters out a  
8 first portion of said synchronized plurality of  
communications and a filter in parameter that filters in  
10 a second portion of said synchronized plurality of  
communications for review by a user; and

12 a consolidation reviewing interface for setting a level  
of content review,

14 wherein said set level of content review is a one of  
a full review, a summary only review, a title only  
16 review, and an all responses review.

32. A computer system for enhancing communication within  
2 a community according to claim 21 wherein said reviewing  
module further comprises:

4 a customized interactive reviewing module for creating a  
digital binder,

6 wherein said customized interactive reviewing module  
allows each of said plurality of users to aggregate in said  
8 digital binder a specific portion of said plurality of  
communications most useful to each of said plurality of users.

33. A computer system for enhancing communication within  
2 a community according to claim 32 wherein said input module  
and said thread synchronization module update said digital  
4 binder in real time with new content received in said  
application related to said specific portion of said plurality  
6 of communications aggregated in said digital binder.

34. A computer system for enhancing communication within  
2 a community according to claim 21 wherein said application  
further comprises:

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4 an alerts module for setting automatic alerts,  
wherein a select group of said plurality of users can be  
6 automatically alerted to at least one activity or at least one  
message, wherein said at least one activity is a one of a  
8 topic within said hierarchical structure, an item type within  
said hierarchical structure, a response from an individual  
10 user within the community, a response from any one of a member  
of a group of users within the community, a new posting from  
12 an individual user within the community, and a new posting  
from any one of a member of a group of users within the  
14 community,

and further wherein said at least one message is sent to  
16 at least a one of a home page of said select group of said  
plurality of users, to an e-mail account of said select group  
18 of said plurality of users, to a voice mail box of said select  
group of said plurality of users, and to some other type of  
20 communications device of said select group of said plurality  
of users.

35. A method for enhancing communication within a community, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving in an application in an application platform a communication sent by a user from a first communication device;

(b) determining an access right said user has to information stored in a database of said application in said application platform;

(c) accessing a current database hierarchy, authorization parameters, and interaction control parameters for said application;

(d) granting access to said user, according to said access right of said user, to a portion of said information stored in said database;

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(e) determining a dynamic interaction capability for said user with said portion of said information based on said database hierarchy, said authorization parameters, and said interaction control parameters;

(f) prioritizing an order of said portion of said information;

(g) presenting said ordered said portion of said information to said user for review;

(h) accepting an initial input from said user according to said dynamic interaction capability from said first communication device for storage in said database; and

(i) outputting said initial input from said user to at least a second communication device.

36. A method according to claim 35 wherein said access right is based upon an access status, wherein said access status comprises a one of an inclusive access and an exclusive access, and

further wherein said inclusive access allows access to said information stored in said database except where excluded

by said authorization parameters and said interaction control  
8 parameters, and

further wherein said exclusive access allows access to  
10 said information stored in said database only where explicitly  
assigned.

37. A method according to claim 35 wherein said current  
2 database hierarchy comprises:

a top-level hierarchy having at least one top-level  
4 subject;

at least one mid-level hierarchy, each of said at least  
6 one mid-level hierarchy having at least one mid-level subject  
related to at least one of said at least one top-level  
8 subject; and

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a low-level hierarchy having at least one low-level  
10 subject related to at least one of said at least one mid-level  
subject,

12 wherein said initial input becomes an item indexed to at  
least one of said at least one low-level subject.

38. A method according to claim 37 wherein said current  
2 database hierarchy further comprises:

at least one top-level leader assigned to each of said at  
4 least one top-level subject;

at least one mid-level leader assigned to each of said at  
6 least one mid-level subject; and

at least one low-level leader assigned to each of said at  
8 least one low-level subject.

39. A method according to claim 37 wherein said current  
2 database hierarchy further comprises:

at least one top-level authorization parameter and at  
4 least one top-level interaction control parameter associated  
with each of said at least one top-level subject;

6 at least one mid-level authorization parameter and at  
least one mid-level interaction control parameter associated  
8 with each of said at least one mid-level subject; and  
at least one low-level authorization parameter and at  
10 least one low-level interaction control parameter associated  
with each of said at least one low-level subject.

40. A method according to claim 39 wherein said at least  
2 one low-level authorization parameter and said at least one  
low-level interaction control parameter associated with each  
4 of said at least one low-level subject is inherited from said  
at least one mid-level subject related to said at least one  
6 low-level subject, and

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further wherein said at least one mid-level authorization  
8 parameter and said at least one mid-level interaction control  
parameter associated with each of said at least one mid-level  
10 subject is inherited from said at least one top-level subject  
related to said at least one mid-level subject, and

12 further wherein said at least one top-level authorization  
parameter and said at least one top-level interaction control  
14 parameter associated with each of said at least one top-level  
subject is inherited from a web master.

41 A method according to claim 35 wherein said  
2 determining dynamic interaction capability further comprises:  
stratifying said portion of said information into at  
4 least one item type.

42. A method according to claim 41 wherein said at least  
2 one item type comprises a one of an idea, question, event,  
review, survey, newsletter, and action item.

43. A method according to claim 35 wherein each of said  
2 authorization parameters has at least one access level,



wherein a higher one of each of said at least one access level  
4 provides more management control than a lower one of each of  
said at least one access level.

44. A method according to claim 35 wherein each of said  
2 interaction control parameters has at least one control level,  
wherein a higher one of each of said at least one control  
4 level provides more management control than a lower one of  
each of said at least one control level.

45. A method according to claim 35 wherein said  
2 presenting step further comprises:

presenting alerts to said user to an activity within the  
4 community,

wherein said activity is a one of a topic within said  
6 hierarchical structure, an item type within said hierarchical  
structure, a response from an individual user within the  
8 community, a response from any one of a member of a group of  
users within the community, a new posting from an individual  
10 user within the community, and a new posting from any one of a  
member of a group of users within the community.

46. A method according to claim 35 wherein said  
2 presenting step further comprises:

presenting alerts to said user to a message within the  
4 community,

wherein said message is sent to at least a one of a home  
6 page of said user, to an e-mail account of said user, to a  
voice mail box of said user, and to some other type of  
8 communications device of said user.

47. A method according to claim 35 wherein said  
2 outputting step further comprises:

outputting said initial input as an alert to a select  
4 group of users,

wherein said initial input is output to at least a one of  
6 a home page of said select group of users, an e-mail account  
of said select group of users, a voice mail box of said select  
8 group of users, and to some other type of communications  
device of said select group of users.

48. A method for enhancing communication within a  
2 community, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving in an application in an application  
4 platform a communication sent by a user from a first  
communication device;

(b) determining an access right said user has to  
6 information stored in a database of said application in said  
8 application platform;

(c) accessing a current database hierarchy,  
10 authorization parameters, and interaction control parameters  
for said application;

(d) granting access to said user, according to said  
12 access right of said user, to a portion of said information  
14 stored in said database;

(e) determining a dynamic interaction capability for  
16 said user with said portion of said information based on said  
database hierarchy, said authorization parameters, and said  
18 interaction control parameters;

(f) prioritizing an order of said portion of said  
20 information;

(g) presenting said ordered said portion of said  
22 information to said user for review;

(h) receiving a selection input by said user an item  
24 type to respond to;

(i) accepting a response input from said user according  
26 to said dynamic interaction capability from said first  
communication device for storage in said database; and

(j) outputting said response input from said user to at  
28 least a second communication device.

49. A method according to claim 48 wherein said access  
2 right is based upon an access status, wherein said access  
status comprises a one of an inclusive access and an exclusive  
4 access, and

further wherein said inclusive access allows access to  
6 said information stored in said database except where excluded  
by said authorization parameters and said interaction control  
8 parameters, and

further wherein said exclusive access allows access to  
10 said information stored in said database only where explicitly  
assigned.

50. A method according to claim 48 wherein said current  
2 database hierarchy comprises:

a top-level hierarchy having at least one top-level  
4 subject;

at least one mid-level hierarchy, each of said at least  
6 one mid-level hierarchy having at least one mid-level subject  
related to at least one of said at least one top-level  
8 subject; and

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a low-level hierarchy having at least one low-level  
10 subject related to at least one of said at least one mid-level  
subject,

12 wherein said response input becomes an item indexed to at  
least one of said at least one low-level subject.

51. A method according to claim 50 wherein said current  
2 database hierarchy further comprises:

at least one top-level leader assigned to each of said at  
4 least one top-level subject;

at least one mid-level leader assigned to each of said at  
6 least one mid-level subject; and

at least one low-level leader assigned to each of said at  
8 least one low-level subject.

52. A method according to claim 50 wherein said current  
2 database hierarchy further comprises:

at least one top-level authorization parameter and at  
4 least one top-level interaction control parameter associated  
with each of said at least one top-level subject;

6 at least one mid-level authorization parameter and at  
least one mid-level interaction control parameter associated  
8 with each of said at least one mid-level subject; and

at least one low-level authorization parameter and at  
10 least one low-level interaction control parameter associated  
with each of said at least one low-level subject.

53. A method according to claim 52 wherein said at least  
2 one low-level authorization parameter and said at least one  
low-level interaction control parameter associated with each  
4 of said at least one low-level subject is inherited from said  
at least one mid-level subject related to said at least one  
6 low-level subject, and

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further wherein said at least one mid-level authorization  
8 parameter and said at least one mid-level interaction control  
parameter associated with each of said at least one mid-level  
10 subject is inherited from said at least one top-level subject  
related to said at least one mid-level subject, and

12 further wherein said at least one top-level authorization  
parameter and said at least one top-level interaction control  
14 parameter associated with each of said at least one top-level  
subject is inherited from a web master.

54. A method according to claim 48 wherein said  
2 determining dynamic interaction capability further comprises:

stratifying said portion of said information into at  
4 least one item type.

55. A method according to claim 54 wherein said at least  
2 one item type comprises a one of an idea, question, event,  
review, survey, newsletter, and action item.

56. A method according to claim 48 wherein each of said  
2 authorization parameters has at least one access level,  
wherein a higher one of each of said at least one access level  
4 provides more management control than a lower one of each of  
said at least one access level.

57. A method according to claim 48 wherein each of said  
2 interaction control parameters has at least one control level,  
wherein a higher one of each of said at least one control  
4 level provides more management control than a lower one of  
each of said at least one control level.

58. A method for enhancing communication within a  
2 community, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving in an application in an application  
4 platform a communication sent by a user from a first  
communication device;

(b) determining an access right said user has to  
6 information stored in a database of said application in said  
8 application platform;

(c) accessing a current database hierarchy,  
10 authorization parameters, and interaction control parameters  
for said application;

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(d) granting access to said user, according to said  
12 access right of said user, to a portion of said information  
14 stored in said database;

(e) determining a dynamic interaction capability for  
16 said user with said portion of said information based on said  
database hierarchy, said authorization parameters, and said  
18 interaction control parameters;

(f) prioritizing an order of said portion of said  
20 information;

(g) receiving a request by said user to customize  
22 reviewable content by creating a digital binder;

(h) receiving at least one selection input from said  
24 user of a part of said portion of said information stored in  
said database to include in said digital binder;

(i) sorting said part of said portion of said  
26 information; and

(j) presenting for review to said user said digital  
28 binder having said sorted part of said portion of said  
30 information.

59. A method according to claim 58 wherein said access  
2 right is based upon an access status, wherein said access

status comprises a one of an inclusive access and an exclusive  
4 access, and

further wherein said inclusive access allows access to  
6 said information stored in said database except where excluded  
by said authorization parameters and said interaction control  
8 parameters, and

further wherein said exclusive access allows access to  
10 said information stored in said database only where explicitly  
assigned.

60. A method according to claim 58 wherein said current  
2 database hierarchy comprises:

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4 a top-level hierarchy having at least one top-level  
subject;

at least one mid-level hierarchy, each of said at least  
6 one mid-level hierarchy having at least one mid-level subject  
related to at least one of said at least one top-level  
8 subject; and

a low-level hierarchy having at least one low-level  
10 subject related to at least one of said at least one mid-level  
subject,

12 wherein said part of said portion of said information in  
said digital binder remains linked in real time to said  
14 current database hierarchy.

61. A method according to claim 60 wherein said current  
2 database hierarchy further comprises:

at least one top-level leader assigned to each of said at  
4 least one top-level subject;

at least one mid-level leader assigned to each of said at  
6 least one mid-level subject; and

at least one low-level leader assigned to each of said at  
8 least one low-level subject.



62. A method according to claim 60 wherein said current  
2 database hierarchy further comprises:

at least one top-level authorization parameter and at  
4 least one top-level interaction control parameter associated  
with each of said at least one top-level subject;

6 at least one mid-level authorization parameter and at  
least one mid-level interaction control parameter associated  
8 with each of said at least one mid-level subject; and

at least one low-level authorization parameter and at  
10 least one low-level interaction control parameter associated  
with each of said at least one low-level subject.

63. A method according to claim 62 wherein said at least  
2 one low-level authorization parameter and said at least one  
low-level interaction control parameter associated with each  
4 of said at least one low-level subject is inherited from said  
at least one mid-level subject related to said at least one  
6 low-level subject, and

further wherein said at least one mid-level authorization  
8 parameter and said at least one mid-level interaction control  
parameter associated with each of said at least one mid-level  
10 subject is inherited from said at least one top-level subject  
related to said at least one mid-level subject, and

12 further wherein said at least one top-level authorization  
parameter and said at least one top-level interaction control  
14 parameter associated with each of said at least one top-level  
subject is inherited from a web master.

64. A method according to claim 58 wherein said  
2 determining dynamic interaction capability further comprises:

stratifying said portion of said information into at  
4 least one item type.

65. A method according to claim 64 wherein said at least  
2 one item type comprises a one of an idea, question, event,  
review, survey, newsletter, and action item.

66. A method according to claim 58 wherein each of said  
2 authorization parameters has at least one access level,  
wherein a higher one of each of said at least one access level  
4 provides more management control than a lower one of each of  
said at least one access level.

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67. A method according to claim 58 wherein each of said  
2 interaction control parameters has at least one control level,  
wherein a higher one of each of said at least one control  
4 level provides more management control than a lower one of  
each of said at least one control level.

68. A method according to claim 58 further comprising:  
2 outputting said digital binder to at least a second  
communication device over a communications channel.

69. A method according to claim 58 further comprising:  
2 updating said digital binder in real time with new  
content received in said application related to said at least  
4 one selection input.

70. A method for enhancing communication within a  
2 community, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving in an application of an application  
4 platform a communication sent by a user from a first  
communication device;

(b) determining an access right said user has to  
6 information stored in a database of said application in said  
8 application platform;

(c) accessing a current database hierarchy,  
10 authorization parameters, and interaction control parameters  
for said application;

(d) granting access to said user, according to said  
12 access right of said user, to a portion of said information  
stored in said database;

(e) determining a dynamic interaction capability for  
16 said user with said portion of said information based on said  
database hierarchy, said authorization parameters, and said  
18 interaction control parameters;

(f) prioritizing an order of said portion of said  
20 information;

(g) presenting said ordered said portion of said  
22 information to said user for review;

(h) accepting selection input from said user of a  
24 portion of said ordered said portion of said information for  
output; and

(i) outputting said portion of said ordered said portion  
26 of said information to at least a second communication device.

71. A method according to claim 70 wherein said  
2 outputting step further comprises the following steps:

consolidating said portion of said ordered said portion  
4 of said information;

sorting said portion of said ordered said portion of said  
6 information;

8 setting a level of content review for said portion of  
said ordered said portion of said information,

10 wherein said level of content review is a one of a  
full review, a summary only review, a title only review,  
and an all responses review; and

12 formatting said portion of said ordered said portion of  
said information in said level of content review.

72. A method according to claim 70 wherein said access  
2 right is based upon an access status, wherein said access  
status comprises a one of an inclusive access and an exclusive  
4 access, and

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6 further wherein said inclusive access allows access to  
said information stored in said database except where excluded  
by said authorization parameters and said interaction control  
8 parameters, and

10 further wherein said exclusive access allows access to  
said information stored in said database only where explicitly  
assigned.

73. A method according to claim 70 wherein said current  
2 database hierarchy comprises:

4 a top-level hierarchy having at least one top-level  
subject;

6 at least one mid-level hierarchy, each of said at least  
one mid-level hierarchy having at least one mid-level subject  
related to at least one of said at least one top-level  
8 subject; and

10 a low-level hierarchy having at least one low-level  
subject related to at least one of said at least one mid-level  
subject.

74. A method according to claim 73 wherein said current  
2 database hierarchy further comprises:

at least one top-level leader assigned to each of said at  
4 least one top-level subject;  
at least one mid-level leader assigned to each of said at  
6 least one mid-level subject; and  
at least one low-level leader assigned to each of said at  
8 least one low-level subject.

75. A method according to claim 73 wherein said current  
2 database hierarchy further comprises:

at least one top-level authorization parameter and at  
4 least one top-level interaction control parameter associated  
with each of said at least one top-level subject;

6 at least one mid-level authorization parameter and at  
least one mid-level interaction control parameter associated  
8 with each of said at least one mid-level subject; and

at least one low-level authorization parameter and at  
10 least one low-level interaction control parameter associated  
with each of said at least one low-level subject.

76. A method according to claim 75 wherein said at least  
2 one low-level authorization parameter and said at least one  
low-level interaction control parameter associated with each  
4 of said at least one low-level subject is inherited from said  
at least one mid-level subject related to said at least one  
6 low-level subject, and

further wherein said at least one mid-level authorization  
8 parameter and said at least one mid-level interaction control  
parameter associated with each of said at least one mid-level  
10 subject is inherited from said at least one top-level subject  
related to said at least one mid-level subject, and

further wherein said at least one top-level authorization  
12 parameter and said at least one top-level interaction control  
14 parameter associated with each of said at least one top-level  
subject is inherited from a web master.

77. A method according to claim 70 wherein said  
2 determining dynamic interaction capability further comprises:  
stratifying said portion of said information into at  
4 least one item type.

78. A method according to claim 77 wherein said at least  
2 one item type comprises a one of an idea, question, event,  
review, survey, newsletter, and action item.

79. A method according to claim 70 wherein each of said  
2 authorization parameters has at least one access level,  
wherein a higher one of each of said at least one access level  
4 provides more management control than a lower one of each of  
said at least one access level.

80. A method according to claim 70 wherein each of said  
2 interaction control parameters has at least one control level,  
wherein a higher one of each of said at least one control  
4 level provides more management control than a lower one of  
each of said at least one control level.

81. A computer system for enhancing communication within  
2 a community, the computer system comprising:  
an application platform having an application for  
4 receiving a communication sent by a user from a first  
communication device, said application further comprising:  
6 a database for storing information in said  
application;  
8 an authorization interface module for determining an  
access right of said user to said stored information;  
10 an inherited parameters responsibility module for  
setting a current database hierarchy, at least one  
12 authorization parameter, and at least one interaction  
control parameter in said application;  
14 an authorization module for granting access to said  
user, according to said access right of said user, to a  
portion of said information stored in said database;  
16 an interaction control module for determining a  
dynamic interaction capability for said user with said  
18 portion of said information based on said database  
hierarchy, said authorization parameters, and said  
20 interaction control parameters;  
22 a content prioritizing interface for ordering said  
portion of said information;  
24 a reviewing module for presenting said ordered  
portion of said information to said user for review;  
26 an input module for accepting input from said  
communication from said user;  
28 a thread synchronization module for synchronizing  
said input from said communication from said user with  
30 said information stored in said database; and  
an output module for outputting a response from said  
32 user to at least a second communication device.

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82. A computer system for enhancing communication within  
2 a community according to claim 81 wherein said application  
platform is a one of a centralized application platform  
4 architecture and a distributed application platform  
architecture,

6 wherein said distributed application platform  
architecture has a plurality of databases for storing  
8 distributively said plurality of communications.

83. A computer system for enhancing communication within  
2 a community according to claim 82 further comprising:

for said distributed application platform architecture, a  
4 content synchronization module for exchanging and  
synchronizing content between said plurality of databases.

84. A computer system for enhancing communication within  
2 a community according to claim 81 said application further  
comprises:

4 a content access interface for determining said current  
database hierarchy accessible by said user; and

6 further wherein said content prioritizing interface sorts  
and prioritizes said portion of said information.

85. A computer system for enhancing communication within  
2 a community according to claim 81 wherein said current  
database hierarchy comprises:

4 a top-level hierarchy having at least one top-level  
subject;

6 at least one mid-level hierarchy, each of said at least  
one mid-level hierarchy having at least one mid-level subject  
8 related to at least one of said at least one top-level  
subject; and



10 a low-level hierarchy having at least one low-level  
subject related to at least one of said at least one mid-level  
12 subject.

86. A computer system for enhancing communication within  
2 a community according to claim 81 further comprising:

a recording module accessible by said first communication  
4 device,

wherein said recording module, after a user input is  
6 received in said first communication device from said user on  
a record option, queries said database causing said database  
8 to deliver to said first communication device said current  
database hierarchy, and

10 further wherein said recording module receives a user  
selection input from said user of a topic within said current  
12 database hierarchy with which to associate said input from  
said communication from said user from said first  
14 communication device, and

further wherein said recording module records and stores  
16 in said database said input from said communication sent from  
said first communication device.

87. A computer system for enhancing communication within  
2 a community according to claim 86 wherein said recording  
module resides on said first communication device.

88. A computer system for enhancing communication within  
2 a community according to claim 86 wherein said recording  
module resides on said application and is accessed over a  
4 communication channel by a user input on said record option  
selected from a tool bar displayed on said first communication  
6 device.

89. A computer system for enhancing communication within  
a community according to claim 81 wherein said inherited  
parameters responsibility module further comprises:

a hierarchy initiation module for creating a plurality of  
headings in a top-level hierarchy and for assigning at least  
one heading leader for each of said plurality of headings, and

for creating a plurality of categories in a mid-level  
hierarchy and for assigning at least one category leader for  
each of said plurality of categories, and

for creating a plurality of topics in a low-level  
hierarchy and for assigning at least one topic leader for each  
of said plurality of topics,

wherein each of said stored information becomes an item  
indexed to at least one of said plurality of topics.

90. A computer system for enhancing communication within  
a community according to claim 81 wherein said input module  
further comprises:

a resource attachment module for attaching a resource to  
said input from said communication from said user,

wherein said resource is a one of an internal database  
link, a document/file attachment, and an external Internet  
link.

91. A computer system for enhancing communication within  
a community according to claim 81 wherein said thread  
synchronization module further comprises:

an initial priority-based content placement module for  
determining a priority assignment for an initial communication  
so that when reviewed by said user accessing said application,  
said initial communication is reviewed in proper relationship  
to a plurality of communications related to said initial  
communication; and

10 a response priority-based content placement module for  
determining a priority assignment for said response from said  
12 user so that when reviewed by at least a second user accessing  
said application, said response is reviewed in proper  
14 relationship to a plurality of communications related to said  
response.

92. A computer system for enhancing communication within  
2 a community according to claim 81 wherein said reviewing  
module further comprises:

4 a filter module for setting at least one filter  
parameter; and

6 a consolidation reviewing interface for setting a level  
of content review,

8 wherein said set level of content review is a one of a  
full review, a summary only review, a title only review, and  
10 an all responses review.

93. A computer system for enhancing communication within  
2 a community according to claim 81 wherein said reviewing  
module further comprises:

4 a customized interactive reviewing module for creating a  
digital binder,

6 wherein said customized interactive reviewing module  
allows said user to aggregate in said digital binder a  
8 specific portion of said information most useful to said user.

94. A computer system for enhancing communication within  
2 a community according to claim 93 wherein said input module  
and said thread synchronization module update said digital  
4 binder in real time with new content received in said  
application related to said specific portion of said  
6 information aggregated in said digital binder.

95. A computer system for enhancing communication within  
a community according to claim 81 wherein said application  
further comprises:  
an alerts module for setting automatic alerts,  
wherein said user can be automatically alerted to at  
least one activity or at least one message, wherein said at  
least one activity is a one of a topic within said database  
hierarchy, an item type within said database hierarchy, a  
response from an individual user within the community, a  
response from any one of a member of a group of users within  
the community, a new posting from an individual user within  
the community, and a new posting from any one of a member of a  
group of users within the community, and  
further wherein said at least one message is sent to at  
least a one of a home page of at least one other user, an e-  
mail account of said at least one other user, a voice mail box  
of said at least one other user, and to some other type of  
communications device of said at least one other user.

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96. A method for enhancing communication within a  
2 community, the method comprising:

(a) establishing a hierarchical structure for organizing  
4 communications between a plurality of users within the  
community;

(b) distributing control through inherited parameters of  
6 said hierarchical structure to at least one of said plurality  
8 of users;

(c) storing in said hierarchical structure at least a  
10 portion of said communications received from said plurality of  
users from at least one of a plurality of input devices;

(d) prioritizing said at least a portion of said  
12 communications within said hierarchical structure;

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(e) presenting to at least a one of said plurality of  
14 users through said at least one of a plurality of input  
16 devices a selected portion of said communications stored in  
said hierarchical structure; and

(f) alerting said at least a one of said plurality of  
18 users to an activity within the community,

20 wherein said activity is a one of a topic within said  
hierarchical structure, an item type within said hierarchical  
22 structure, a response from an individual user within the  
community, a response from any one of a member of a group of  
24 users within the community, a new posting from an individual  
user within the community, and a new posting from any one of a  
26 member of a group of users within the community.

97. A method for enhancing communication within a  
2 community according to claim 96 wherein step (f) is replaced  
by the following new step (f):

(f) alerting said at least a one of said plurality of  
4 users to a message within the community,

6 wherein said message is sent to at least a one of a home  
page of said at least one of said plurality of users, to an e-

8 mail account of said at least one of said plurality of users,  
to a voice mail box of said at least one of said plurality of  
10 users, and to some other type of communications device of said  
at least one of said plurality of users.

98. A method for enhancing communication within a  
2 community according to claim 96 wherein step (f) is replaced  
by the following new step (f):

4 (f) alerting others within the community to an activity  
or a message of said at least a one of said plurality of  
6 users,

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8 wherein said activity is a one of a topic within said  
hierarchical structure, an item type within said hierarchical  
structure, a response from said at least one of said plurality  
10 of users, a new posting from said at least one of said  
plurality of users, and

12 further wherein said message is sent to at least a one of  
a home page of said others within the community, to an e-mail  
14 account of said others within the community, to a voice mail  
box of said others within the community, and to some other  
16 type of communications device of said others within the  
community.

99. A method for enhancing communication within a  
2 community according to claim 96 wherein step (f) is replaced  
by the following new step (f) and further comprising the steps  
4 (g) through (i):

(f) setting a deadline for a rapid feedback evaluation  
6 of at least one item type;

(g) selecting a type of response for said rapid feedback  
8 evaluation of said at least one item type;

(g) selecting a group of users to respond to said rapid  
10 feedback evaluation of said at least one item type;

(h) sending said at least one item type and said  
12 selected type of response to said selected group of users; and

(i) receiving a plurality of said selected type of  
14 response from said selected group of users to said at least  
one item type.

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100. A method for enhancing communication within a  
2 community according to claim 99 wherein said at least one item  
type is a one of an idea, question, event, review, survey,  
4 newsletter, and action item.

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